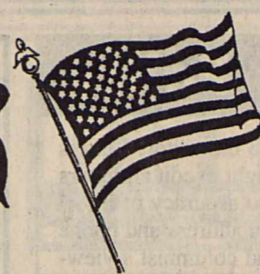


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End of school is almost in sight

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Medical cards to be distributed by AAL on Saturday

The Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) will distribute emergency medical cards at a chicken barbecue on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Henderson and Fort streets in Brackettville.

The first project for the local Brackettville AAL chapter is to furnish emergency medical cards to every resident of Kinney County. The project is being coordinated with the Kinney County Sheriff's Department and the EMS staff.

The emergency medical cards will help provide important life-saving information to the emergency teams, including names of people to contact, a doctor's name, a brief medical record and current medications or allergies, AAL officials said.

EMS personnel will be at the barbecue for free blood pressure check-ups. The emergency medical cards and the check-ups will be furnished at no charge.



Brackett's Jamie Bader (6) advances to second base during recent softball action. The Tigerettes will host Natalia tomorrow in a 6 p.m. district contest. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Elections crank up with early voting

Early voting for the Brackett ISD School Board of Trustees election and the Brackettville City Council election will begin on Wednesday.

Early voting for personal appearance for each election will be conducted each weekday through Tuesday April 27.

In the School Board election, early voting will be conducted at the Brackett ISD Central Office, located at 400 N. Ann Street, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Early voting for the City Council election will be conducted at Brackettville City Hall, located on W. Spring Street, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Both government entities are currently accepting applications for ballots by mail.

Applications for the School Board of Trustees election should be mailed to Early Voting Clerk Susan Esparza, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas, 78832.

In the City Council election, applications should be sent to Early Voting Clerk David G. Luna, P.O. Box 526, Brackettville, Texas, 78832.

Six candidates have filed for the Brackett ISD School Board of Trustees election, and five citizens are seeking seats on the Brackettville City Council.

Both elections will be held on May 1.

Seeking positions on the Brackett ISD School Board are Ken Curry, Robert D. Fuentes, Ronnie Hobbs, Henry J. Lutz, Michael D. Schuster, and Beverly Wright.

Two at-large positions will be filled in the School Board of Trustees election. Each position has a three-year term.

Brackett ISD School Board incumbents Steve LaMascus and Jim McDaniel are not seeking re-election.

The positions currently held by Aldermen J.J. Guidry and Wes Robinson are up in the Brackettville City Council election. Each position has a two-year term.

Guidry announced that he would not seek a second term. Martha E. Ward McDonald and Julie Fuentes Molano both filed for Place 1, which Guidry currently holds. Tomas Gomez Jr. and Ida M. Flores will challenge Robinson for the Place 3 position on the City Council.

The City Council election is limited to Brackettville residents. All registered voters in Kinney County are eligible to vote in the School Board election.

Officials gear up for 150th anniversary of Highway 90

Highway 90 started its career as the San Antonio-El Paso Road 150 years ago this August.

John Coffee Hays and Samuel Highsmith made the first attempt to explore the route which in August of 1849 the United States Army officially laid out. Soon a chain of frontier forts had sprung up and from those origins communities would develop.

The "jackass" mail would soon bring news across the vast regions of western Texas to New Mexico, and coaches would carry travelers from San Antonio to El Paso from which Santa Fe and San Diego could be reached. Hundreds of fortune seekers followed the road to the gold fields of California.

In conjunction with this momentous occasion occurring during the year of 1999, a multi-community organizational committee has formed and is coordinating activities transpiring around this 150th anniversary all up and down Highway 90 from Del Rio to San Antonio and surrounding areas.

A Pony Express ride is scheduled to begin in Brackettville on Saturday, May 1, at around 8 a.m. It will begin at the old stage stop on El Paso Street, owned by Seth Kaplan and Molly Earl.

A proclamation from the governor of Texas will be presented to Brackettville officials congratulating the city on being a part of Highway 90.

An authentic stage coach will be on site as will local folks in period clothing.

The ride will end in Castroville with riders coming also from San Antonio to Castroville.

Turn out early that morning for coffee and be a part of remembering our past.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce has note card sets that are available now in a limited quantity depicting a beautiful line drawing of the stage stop done by Juanita Robertson.

A special first day cover envelope with the line drawing on it is also available from the Chamber of Commerce. It can be post-marked on May 1 with a special 150th anniversary of the San Antonio-El Paso Road cancellation by the Brackettville Post Office.

To acquire these mementos, call the Chamber of Commerce at (830) 563-9393.

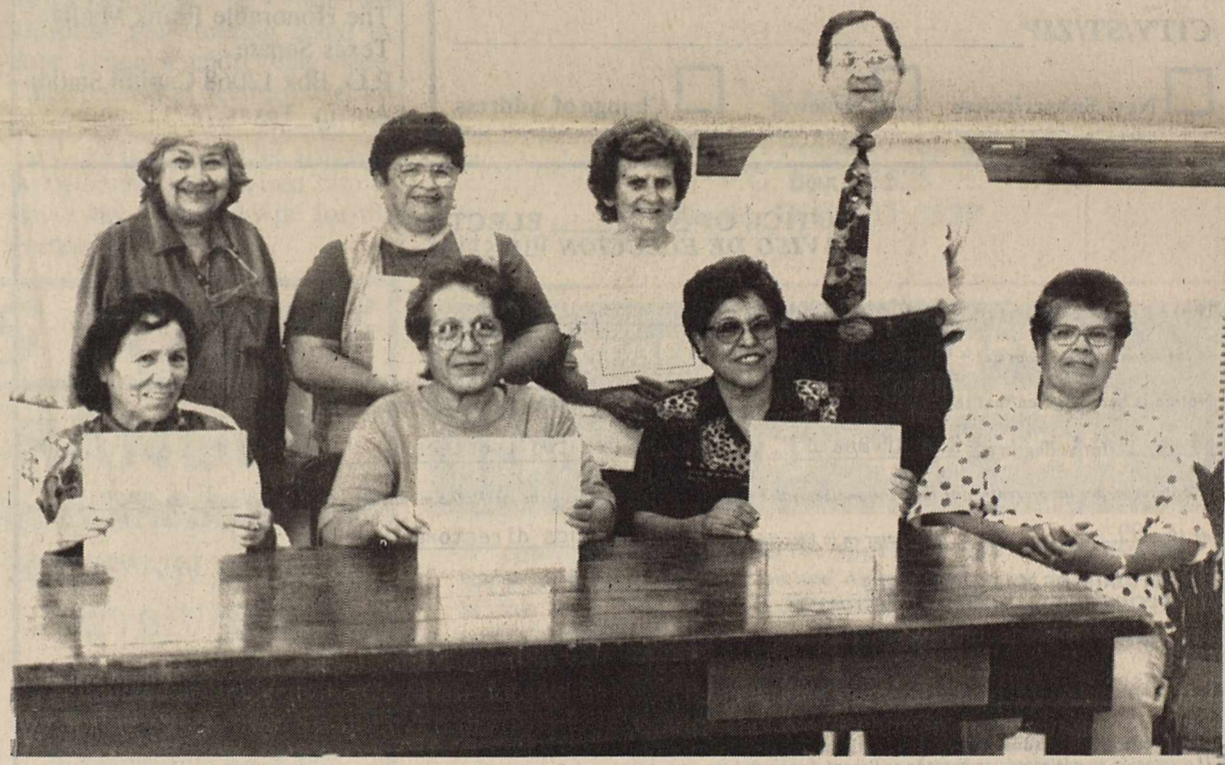
The note card sets are five to a pack for \$3.50 and the first day cover envelope is 30 cents. Stamps to be put on the envelope will have to be purchased from the Post Office.

In addition to the Highway 90 celebration, the Chamber of Commerce has announced that Fort Clark and Alamo Village are featured in two stories in the May issue of Texas Highways. The magazine has a circulation of 350,000.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to inform this large segment of people about these two locations in our great state of Texas," said Kathryn Letsinger of the Chamber of Commerce.

Additional copies of Texas Highways will be available at the Fort Clark Museum and Sutler's Store, Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Clark Springs Association Office, and Alamo Village.

OLDER WORKERS WEEK



National Older Workers Employment Week was celebrated last month. Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga and County Judge Herb Senne both signed proclamations designating the Older Workers Week locally, and presented certificates to citizens who are employed by Kinney County through the Senior Texans Employment Program at a special ceremony. In attendance were, standing, from left: Berlanga, Keta Villarreal, Betty Moses and Senne. Sitting: Felipa Avila, Lydia Resendez, Gudelia Cervantez and Petra Fuentes. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry



Manuel Pena of the Kinney County Sheriff's Department took second place in the marksman competition at the Second Annual Law Enforcement Pistol Shoot competition last Saturday. Brandon Spencer of the Brackettville Border Patrol station won the sharpshooter division. The event, which is sponsored by the U.S. Border Patrol, drew 32 area law enforcement officers. Proceeds from the competition benefit the Texas Special Olympics. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

A story of remarkable people

By Tanya Kay McClure
STAFF WRITER

As the many phases of our world turn around us everyday we often find that the best things in life lie right under our noses.

As many of us pass them up we often find the most pleasure in learning about the history that lies around us, and the people connected to our past.

Kinney County is known very well for its Black Seminole history and many find great interest in their heritage.

There is a book currently out on the market called, "The Black Seminoles." The writer of this book lives part of the year here, at Fort Clark Springs.

His name is Dr. Thomas P. Senter, a physician in Anchorage, Ala., who considers Brackettville his second home.

Senter has revised and edited this book with a lady by the name of Alcione M. Amos, who is a librarian at the World Bank in Washington, D.C.

Amos has done extensive work on African-American military history and has published on the subject of the Black Seminoles in the Florida Historical Quarterly.

Senter visited here in 1991 and loved the area so much that he decided to spend his winters in Brackettville.

Senter and Amos have taken this original manuscript, written by Kenneth W. Porter in the mid-1900s, and rewritten it.

Porter was a great historian who studied black Indians. He was also known for his poetry.

Porter was a professor of history at the University of Oregon and considered one of the foremost specialists on Black Seminole history.

"He was a much better historian than writer," said Senter.

When nearly all the facts in Porter's manuscript were re-searched not one discrepancy was found by Amos and Senter.

The original manuscript written by Porter was a very lengthy, out of order, hard to read, 700-

3,000 copies and currently the second run is in distribution.

"You know that you've written a good book when a professor and a truck driver can read it and both like it," said Senter.

Dr. Thomas P. Senter

plus page opus. Senter and Amos took this work and broke it down and created what we have today, best known as "The Black Seminoles."

Porter conducted research on the topic of Black Seminole history and worked on his original draft of his book from the 1930s until his death in 1981.

Amos and Senter took up the project in 1991 and incorporated new information following Porter's death in 1981.

Senter and Amos spent three years working on this piece getting it ready for publication. In 1996 the book was released and was a featured selection for the "History Book Club."

The first run sold out, selling

3,000 copies and currently the second run is in distribution.

"You know that you've written a good book when a professor and a truck driver can read it and both like it," said Senter.

"The Black Seminoles," is a powerful and stirring story that will appeal to readers interested in black history, Indian history, Florida history and U.S. Military history.

At the present time, the book, "The Black Seminoles," is being considered by rural production agencies and film directors, including John Sagles and Terrance Malick. It is in hopes that some day a movie based on the story of the Black Seminoles will be made.

Senter has just finished his second book called, "Against Long Odds: Citizens who Challenge Congressional Incumbents." The foreword is by former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm and Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura is one of the book's reviewers. It is currently at the publishers and should be available by year's end.

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Unsung Hero
Joe Townsend

Another lovely part of Brackettville has gone to grace heaven by her presence.

When Beverly Schafer departed this life there came a gap not easily filled. While not aggressively active in communities she nevertheless made a fine impact on all who knew her.

She was the mother of a fine family and a devoted wife of 43 years. She was a strong supporter of her husband "Bubba."

She will be greatly missed not only by her family but by her many friends. All who did not know Beverly are the losers.

Though the final days of her life were not the most desirable she has now conquered all infirmities and awaits at the throne of God to be reunited with her loved ones and friends.

Surely Beverly Schafer was an Unsung Hero.

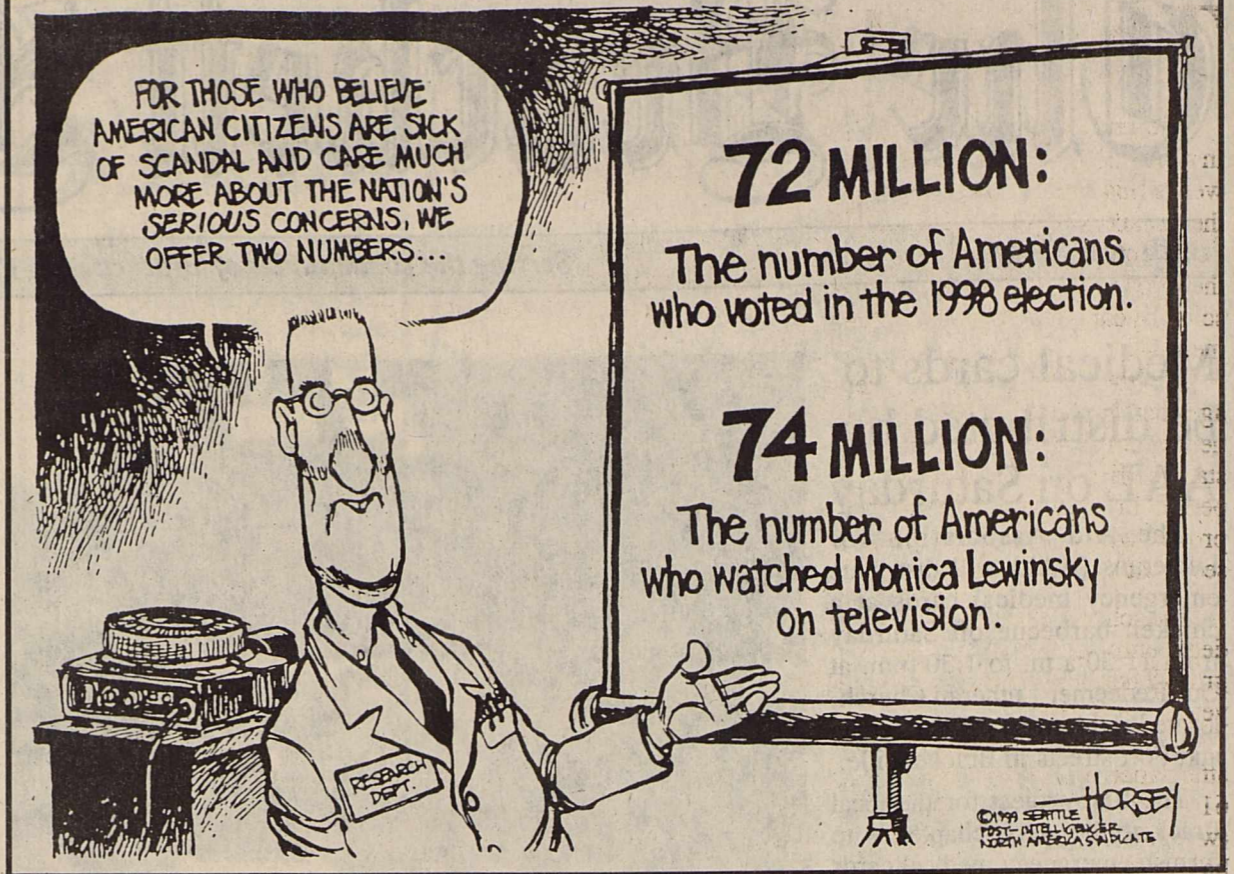
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Hard work will pay off

I recently had a thrilling experience. When I answered the telephone, a lovely voice identified the caller and said she had gone to school under Oleta and wanted to visit her and would we have lunch with her.

I'm quite used to people talking about the preacher and his wife, but now the table was turned and it was the teacher and her husband.

The caller was Claudette Longoria. She had been in Oleta's first grade class 20 years ago and wanted to visit with her former teacher. We met with her and her companion, Clay Hunt III, and had a wonderful time.

Claudette is truly a wonderful young lady. Early in her life she decided that if she was ever going to be somebody important she needed a good education and get out of Brackettville.

After getting an education she set her sights high. At present she works at a detention center for



Between Us
Joe Townsend

problem people, ranging from the quite young through teen-age years.

While giving the appearance of being quite young herself, she exudes character and ability far beyond her years. She is still climbing the ladder. Her aim is to be a federal marshal or an FBI agent dealing with forensics.

I remarked this would be a protected job in a lab to which she replied, "I want to be a field agent to help track down serial killers and the like."

Visiting with her I'm convinced she will someday do just that.

I don't know when I enjoyed lunch more or was more thrilled by visiting with a young person. It made me glad I was not just married to a preacher's wife, but to a teacher.

Oleta had certainly had an impact on this young life that 20 years later led to such a wonderful experience.

This happens when teachers are dedicated to the calling and see beyond the monthly check.

When I recall that Oleta's first teaching job paid \$90 per month for nine months and her last year of teaching was far below the present salaries, and visit with people like Claudette and Clay, I see the real pay off. Money cannot buy this kind of results.

To Claudette I would say: "With your personality, your ambition, your zeal and your dedication I certainly would not want to be a serial killer with you on my trail." It was a real blessing to visit with you.

Founding fathers were afraid of the power of government, not the power of prayer

Not long ago, I wrote a piece about the decision of the courts that it was unconstitutional to have a prayer before a high school ball game. I was angry then and I'm angry now.

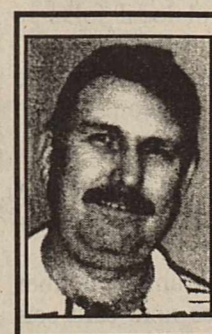
I did, however, make one mistake - it was not the Supreme Court but the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals that handed down that inane decision.

Now, if you will bear with me, I would like to explore more deeply the concept of constitutionality of prayer in schools.

I have in front of me as I write this a copy of the Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. It says, Amendment I (1791): "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

That is the exact wording according to my copy. If you would be so kind as to point out to me anything there that even hints at the unconstitutionality of prayer in a public school I would be forever grateful. The way I read the first amendment is that the congress shall make no laws prohibiting the exact thing that the courts have ruled unconstitutional.

Now I'm not the brightest person in the world, or even on my block, but even I can see that the purpose of the first amendment was not to keep prayer out of public places, but to see to it that it was included.



The Way I See It
Steven R. LaMascus

The first amendment was aimed only and exclusively at prohibiting the government from adopting a state religion. The founding fathers were afraid of the power of government, not the power of prayer.

They were afraid that if they didn't address the issue up front the government might at some future date decide that the proper religion for the United States was Catholicism, or Buddhism, or some other specific religion.

It had happened in other countries and they were determined that it would not happen in this one. They were in reality only interested in preserving the freedom to choose which denomination you preferred.

Reread the first amendment, please. I'll wait.

Now, tell me, where in that wonderfully simple yet awesomely powerful sentence does it say that your religion cannot influence your government? Where are the words "separation of church and state" that are bandied about with such frequency by the courts?

It says "or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," meaning that they wanted and expected religion to play an important role in the

decision making process. They realized that the only true wisdom comes from God!

For many years now the Supreme Court, prompted by atheistic agents of Satan, has been chipping away at one of the foundation stones of this great country. How, if "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," can the courts turn right around and deny us the right to do specifically what that amendment guarantees? I'm confused.

Well I'll tell you what I think. I think that the first and second amendments to the Constitution are being attacked precisely because they are the cement that makes this nation strong.

The first guarantees our religious freedom while the second guarantees that an evil ruler can never disarm us - "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Both of those amendments are now under continuous attack from people who either don't realize the danger or who want to destroy our nation. Don't let it happen!

If a small group of atheists or left-wing zealots can have such a profound effect, just think what the combined voices of all us Christian conservatives could do.

Speak out, get out and vote, tell your representatives what you want and make sure they do it. They represent you! Make sure they don't forget it! Protect your rights and the real meaning of the Constitution of the United States.

Both guns and prayer are tools. Neither is inherently dangerous if used according to instructions and both are necessary for the well-being of the country.

If you want to buy a gun to protect your family and home, and if you want to say a prayer before a ball game - do it! The Constitution guarantees you those rights. Exercise them both in the interest of freedom!

Big Mama Sez!



Knowledge is like money - if you keep quiet about it, people will think you've got more than you have.

NOTICE OF BOARD ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION Directiva.)

To the Registered Voters of Kinney County, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Condado Kinney Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 1

1999, for voting in a School Board election, to elect two trustees

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 1 de mayo

de 1999 para votar en la Elección para elejir dos directores.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Brackett ISD Central Office, 400 S. Ann Street, Brackettville

Escuela ISD Brackett en la oficina central por la calle 400 S. Ann, Brackettville

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Brackett ISD Central Office Escuela ISD Brackett en la oficina central

(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1999 (date)

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 de abril, 1999 (fecha)

and ending on April 27, 1999 (date)

(y terminando el 27 de abril, 1999 (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*

(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)

Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Susan A. Esparza

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

PO Box 586

(Address) (Dirección)

Brackettville, TX 78832

(City) (Ciudad)

(Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 23, 1999
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 23 de abril, 1999 (date) (fecha)

Issued this the 6th day of April, 1999
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Susan A. Esparza
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

The end of the school year is in sight!

The end of the school year is in sight! BISD ends the fifth sixth weeks this Friday! We will begin the last six-weeks period Monday!

Parents might want to talk to their young ones about ending the school year with strong achievement.

It is the semester grade average that is placed on the permanent record of children. A poor start the first or second six-weeks period in a semester can be improved with a strong finish. Let's see what we can do!

The school system has 674 students enrolled as of April 1. The growth has slowed for this school year.

A year ago, our average daily attendance for the school year was 615. At 97 percent attendance (which is our average), we would have close to 650 students in

school today. So, we have grown but expect a decline this time of the year.

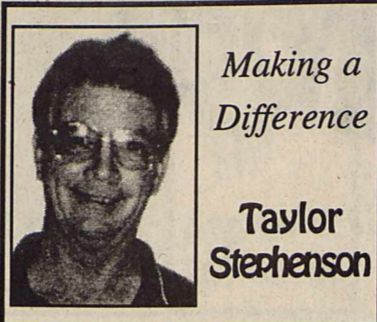
Workforce Center

I attended a meeting of the Kinney County Workforce Center to look over plans for Kinney County.

Joy Ralston and Theresa Davis did a great job outlining plans along with an analysis for training and employing our youth and adults.

Kinney County's unemployment rate in January was 13.9 percent. There is higher unemployment in some of the area counties. The highest number that I saw was 31 percent. Texas runs about 5 percent.

Along those lines, we were given a report that the new prison is on track and could possible be ready by January 2000. The



Making a Difference

Taylor Stephenson

prison would employ from 90 to 110.

It appears that growth will continue in our school district because of increased employment opportunities.

Our new high school will be completed by June. If prison plans materialize, our new building will be finished a few months before the influx of people related to prison employment. We'll be ready.

Sunrise Service

The Sunrise Service at Fort Clark Spring's Amphitheater was inspirational.

The ministerial alliance and the Voices of Fort Clark did a fine job with the service.

Many of us enjoyed the buffet breakfast at the golf course restaurant after the service.

BHS Activities

In the next week, our students will compete in district tennis and track events. Baseball and softball teams continue to try to get back into the district races.

The school band is getting ready for its annual concert and sight-reading contest.

Congratulations to those students who participated in the UIL academic competition for the 1998-99 school year.

Have a great week!

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, March 30

3:55 a.m., A local woman reported that a local man was outside her residence on W. Thomas Street and was knocking on her door. She stated that she did not want the man on her property. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry asked the man not to return on the property. The man stated that he needed to speak to the woman's father and would wait down the street for him to return home.

Wednesday, March 31

9:10 a.m., A local woman called in to report that a man in a black cap and jacket was crossing her property near the Border Patrol station. The sheriff responded to the call and the man left.

Thursday, April 1

10:40 p.m., A Border Patrol agent called in to report an abandoned vehicle parked on the hill near the Cline check point.

Friday, April 2

1:22 a.m., A local man reported loud music on E. Thomas Street. Deputy Guidry patrolled the area and said all was quiet.

3:19 p.m., While on routine traffic patrol, Police Chief Ron

Ring clocked a 1986 Buick traveling west on Highway 90 at 64 miles per hour in a 50 zone. A computer check revealed that the driver was driving with a suspended license. The man was arrested and transported to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department.

10:15 p.m., Two local women brought in a small dog to the Sheriff's Department. City animal control officers were notified of the situation. While the animal control officers were parked in front of the Sheriff's Department, their vehicle was hit by a Border Patrol agent's vehicle.

Saturday, April 3

7:51 a.m., A Stop N Shop employee reported a fight at the store. Chief Ring and Deputy Guidry were notified of the situation.

8:15 p.m., Miguel Rodriguez of Mexico was arrested for public intoxication by Deputy Carl Chism.

4:58 p.m., A local woman reported that her husband had been drinking heavily and was driving their rental vehicle in and out of brush at a local ranch causing some damage to the vehicle. Chief

Ring went to their home and found the man passed out inside of the trailer. The vehicle appeared to suffer no damage. The woman was then transported to her mother's house for the day.

4:40 p.m., Richard Flores of Brackettville, 26, was arrested for theft by check, a DPS warrant, by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar.

11:00 a.m., A local woman reported that she was being bothered by her ex-husband and wanted him to leave her alone or she would press charges against him. Deputy Guidry informed her ex-husband of the situation and he said that he would no longer bother her.

9:56 p.m., A Spofford woman called in to report a family disturbance. The woman stated that she had been at home all day taking care of their children and her husband came home intoxicated and would not help. She only wanted someone to talk to her husband.

8:15 p.m., A Border Patrol officer reported a man passed out in his car on Standard Lane. He stated that the man was fine but wanted an officer to come check on the man. Deputy Chism re-

sponded to the call. The man was arrested for public intoxication.

Sunday, April 4

2:07 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to the Civic Center when advised by Captain Alvin S. McClure that a local man was having some words with another man. The men were separated and the fight stopped.

9:25 a.m., A local woman called asked that an officer accompany her brother-in-law to his residence on El Paso Street. He wanted to get his clothes from his house. Chief Ring accompanied the individual to the residence.

2:53 a.m. A local woman called in to report that she had been hit by her husband and wanted him arrested. When the woman was asked to come in and fill out an incident report the woman declined to do so. She was informed that nothing could be done without a report being made. The woman still declined to come in. Deputy Chism located the woman's husband at his sister-in-law's house and advised him to stay away from his wife for the evening.

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Are there any advantages to you?

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- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1998. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1999.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 1999 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

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Ford describes responsibilities

By PATSY CALLAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

John Ford, Kinney County justice of the peace, was Thursday's speaker for the Brackettville Rotary Club. Ford described the many responsibilities of his office which are closely governed in the state of Texas.

When an individual is stopped for a traffic violation, Texas statute clearly says that one can request to be immediately brought before the justice of the peace even at 2:00 in the morning.

In a county with a small population, the J.P. also must act as coroner and must rule on every death that occurs in the county. Because of this, the justice of the peace must be available even on vacations or when attending the frequent training sessions that all J.P.'s must attend.

Much was learned after the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma. All the J.P.'s of Texas have been trained in planning before an incident.

These incidents can range from storms like the recent flood of last fall or toxic waste acci-

dents from train derailments and truck accidents.

The people of Brackettville and Fort Clark are particularly vulnerable because Highway 90 and roads 131 and 674 dissect the county in the populated areas of the county and each of these roads have heavy traffic. There is no way to know just how much of the truck traffic contains hazardous materials.

The emergency management coordinator and the justice of the peace must have an emergency plan in place if these types of disasters should occur.

Personnel that would be needed at such a time would be recovery personnel, evacuation personnel, funeral directors, autopsy personnel, counselors, communications operators, security personnel, drivers for



President J.J. Guidry (left) introduced Judge John Ford at Thursday's Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Frances McMaster

transportation of personnel, equipment and supplies and personal gear to bring to a disaster site.

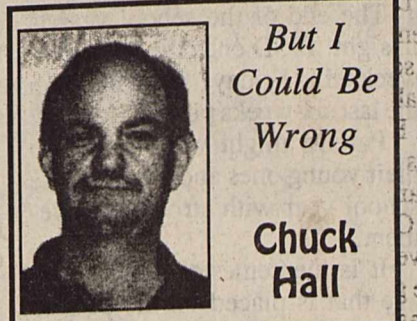
This list would also include search and recovery supplies; administrative supplies; preparation equipment; embalming fluid and chemicals and miscellaneous equipment such as removal vehicles (unmarked by

name of funeral home, etc); stretchers, litters and cots and refrigeration trucks.

Kinney County is very fortunate to have a well trained EMS group and the assistance of the Border Patrol whenever they are needed.

Ford has found the job very demanding but the most rewarding job he has ever had.

Thou shall not steal



During spring break, a person, or persons, unknown, broke into my daughter, Katie's apartment in College Station. Welcome to Aggieland!

Why would anyone do such a thing? But I refuse to let it ruin my spring break. Or even one day thereof. I hope Katie feels the same way. Unfortunately, there are thieves in our imperfect world. There are those who like to hide under the cover of darkness and prey upon unsuspecting victims. It's easier to steal than to work hard and make an honest living.

I already have an idea about the nature of the thief. He (she/they?) shook out all of the pennies from Katie's piggy bank but never broke it to find out what was inside. The computer was taken but the power chords were left plugged into the wall. The remote control was left but the stereo that it controls is gone. Did I mention that this was in A&M?

So to whoever you are: Keep

the loot. It's yours. (Nice gesture. Don't you think? Especially since I have no idea who got it.)

Seriously, consider it a gift. I want you to have it. I truly hope that it brings you peace and joy. I hope it changes your life and you will one day no longer have to steal. I also honestly hope that no one ever has to steal from you.

And if you should ever have a twinge of regret, and your conscience starts to bother you, don't bother to try to return those items. You need them more than we do.

But I could be wrong.

Tribation - A tremendous tribute to tri-couple

What is a tribation? It was a bon voyage celebration honoring three Fort Clark couples, who will be returning on April 7 from a Panama Canal cruise.

The group consisted of Dr. James and LaVerne Schaefer (celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary), Homer Lewis and Marge Jones (sharing the same birthday), and Gladys Lewis and Harry Jones (the spouses of the birthday celebrants).

Paul and Barbara Williams hosted the event under their gigantic covered area on Mesquite. Approximately 40 or more friends enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship. One hundred golden Hershey Kisses were presented (50 each) to the anniversary couple, a box of sea

shell chocolates went to Homer Lewis, and Gladys received a "Christmas in April" outfit for lounging on the ship, while

Marge and Harry Jones were the recipients of companion lounge attire.

The couple departed from

Galveston, Texas on the Stella Solarius, a Greek ship.

Friends and neighbors, along with the pets they left behind, are

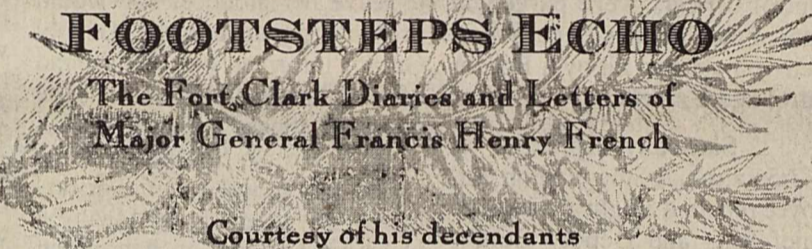
anxiously awaiting their return with an update on their "Ports of Call" and exciting adventures.

Duplicate Bridge Club attracts seven tables

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club attracted seven tables Tuesday night.

Mac and Marie McCandles tied with Ella Chambers and Sara Richhart for first in north-south, while Tina Banguess and Marcelle Gosting were third. In east-west, Ann Legg and Evelyn Whitely claimed first, Mary Edgar and Nancy O'Brien were second, and Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant took third.

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark. At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.



comfortable so far, but it will be hotter soon.

Sunday, April 3, 1887

Attended inspection this morning and found the men in good shape in their new quarters. Commenced letter home but left it to go to the office and to Capt. Vance's.

The mail brought a letter from Lula. Read the papers in the office and then resumed letter home writing on it until dinner.

After dinner went over to the Library but could not get in. Completed letter home, a long one, and then wrote a long one to Lula and John. It was about 11 o'clock when I went to bed, the latest hour that I have been up for some time.

Hope that we can get settled soon as I am very tired of this living from hand to mouth.

Monday, April 4, 1887

Got up before reveille to see "G" Co. start, but they did not leave for more than an hour. Then went to the sutler's with Guard and down to the post office in town to get some postage stamps.

Stopped on the way back at a drug store for a few small articles. Had a good appetite for breakfast. Was detailed on a board of survey and on a garrison court, recorder and judge advocate at once.

Went to the Adjutant's office,

and to guard house to examine prisoner but he was out. Then drew stationery at the quartermaster's.

The steamer "Bessie" arrived this morning from Brown. Met Capt. Kell, of "Bessie", brother of Kell of the 22nd, whom I used to know at Brown.

No mail received today as none comes Monday. Tried a man before the garrison court at one o'clock and met on the board of Survey later on when Capt. Kell was examined by the board.

Johnston started this afternoon by ambulance for Pena on his way to San Antonio. Was sorry to see him go as he will be much missed.

Officers have not been required to take the calls up to today, but today Maj. Wilcox instructed that they should take them. Took retreat and tattoo and Guard is to take reveille.

while we divide the drills as only one officer is required to attend drill.

After retreat went to the Library and found a good assortment especially of his torical and scientific works.

Completed proceedings of court, wrote an O.B. to Capt. Kelly in regard to loss of lumber on "Bessie" on which the Board is now acting and one to Forsyth enclosing some O.B.'s about stoppages in my accounts as Q.M. at Brown.

As Gardener had identically the same stoppages removed do not anticipate any trouble with mine.

The rain today and tonight may make it unpleasant for Johnston and "G" Co. but it will do a great deal of good.

Tuesday, April 5, 1887

This morning had one chest moved down stairs to a room set apart by Maj. Wilcox for my sitting room and had a wardrobe moved up stairs.

Then went to office to see the Major about moving the mess and after consulting with Mollie we concluded to leave it where it is until some necessity arises for moving it.

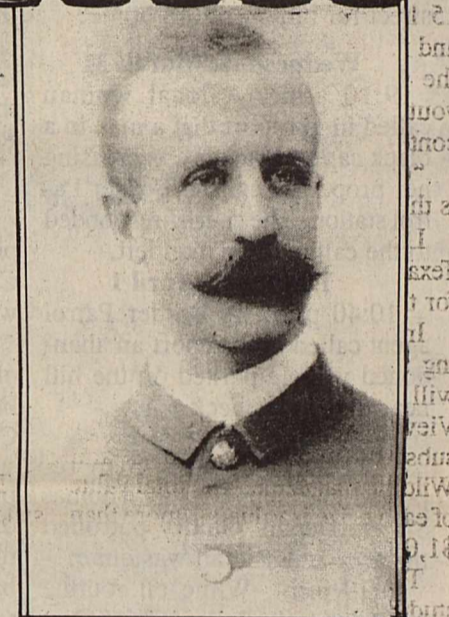
Went to Capt. Vance's and to Q.M. office where got a screw driver. Then with George's assistance unpacked furniture and crockery, putting desk in sitting room and everything else upstairs in bedroom.

Also unpacked one chest, leaving in it my overcoats and extra pair of blankets. Must get some camphor to keep out moths from these articles. Have things a little more comfortably arranged.

Have to unpack books and clean up desk before I am entirely settled. Must get some book shelves and a table from Johnston's and a large desk for my sitting room. Mail brought nothing but an advertising circular.

Expected a letter from home and was greatly disappointed. Capt. Vance was Officer of the Day and took the calls. Drill was suspended on account of extra fatigue duty.

After dinner went down to call at Whittall's but he was not in sight and as I had not met the ladies who were sitting on the porch, did not go in. Went up to Capt. Vance's



and sat on Guard's porch talking with him and Capt. Kell until Harris came along.

He went with me to Whittall's and introduced me to Mrs. W. and her sister, Miss Otey; both seemed like pleasant ladies. Sat at Guard's for a while afterwards.

Wednesday, April 6, 1887

Marched on guard this morning as Officer of the Day, a vast improvement over officer of the guard as at Clark. After reporting to Maj. Wilcox went up to Q.M. office and got some materials for marking out the tennis court, and took these to quarters.

Then inspected the company rear and left word for a man to report to me to mark out the court this afternoon. Mail brought a letter from home, the Century and a pretty shaving case as a philopena from Miss Kauffman. Read the papers in the Library.

At one o'clock marked out the greater part of the tennis court with the help of the man from the company. Dr. Harris also helped as soon as he could, be spared from the hospital, but Elliott lay under the trees and looked on.

As he intends to play, this was somewhat aggravating but the young man will have a chance later on to fix the court.

Thurston took the drill this evening. Maj. Wilcox has directed the two Infantry companies to be united for drill and one officer to take charge.

This gives un only one drill for the officers, in three or four days, an agreeable arrangement. Took retreat and then after a chat with Capt.

Vance at his quarters, inspected the sentinels on post. Completed letter home and also wrote to Miss Kauffman to thank her for the shaving case.

Fell asleep in the chair while trying to read and did not wake up until after midnight when inspected the sentinels and turned in

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Also got another copy of the encyclopedia which was received two or three days ago. As Capt. Bradford and his boys are staying in the house Maj. Wilcox and I have decided not to fix our quarters until after "G" Co. leaves. He told me this evening that he wants me to be adjutant but he cannot in justice relieve Buck without some cause. It is reported that his company is to go away from here soon when I am to get the place. Don't care enough for it to desire it if it will interfere with Guard's appointment as quartermaster.

Spoke to Capt. Vance this evening and asked him to say this to Maj. Wilcox when the matter came up. Spent quite a while at Capt. Vance's this evening and then sat with the Guards on their porch.

It was cool this evening, indeed the weather has been very

The turkey is truly a sporting game animal

Dove season is a distant, misty memory; quail are, alas, also out of season, deer ditto. The winter is about over and spring is upon us. For those of us who live to hunt this is the most depressing time of year.

Our few brief months of bliss have disappeared into the west and the golden leaves and frost-covered grass have been replaced with those annoying flowers and green leaves. But wait! There is still spring turkey season.

Oh, joy of joys, we have been given a last minute reprieve! Some rare, thoughtful person in the Labyrinthian halls of bureaucracy has had a momentary fit of sanity and done something good and pure and righteous. May he be sainted.

Just so you will know, I am not a died-in-the-wool, forsake-all-else turkey hunter. I hunt turkeys mostly as a target of opportunity while pursuing other game.

But over the years I have learned that there is almost nothing as sly, sagacious, suspicious, spooky and conniving as a wild turkey. Anyone who judges them by their domesticated brethren is in for the shock of his life.

My first attempt at hunting turkeys was a total bust. I had been

seeing them and sometime practically kicking them out of my way for most of deer season.

At times they were a nuisance as I tried to sneak up on some poor unsuspecting whitetail.

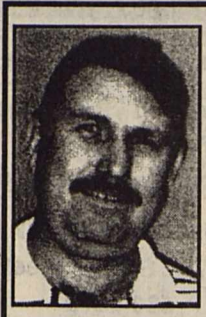
How they knew I wasn't after them I will never know, but they did. Then the minute I got the idea in my mind to do harm to a turkey it seemed that everyone of the big birds was instantly telepathically informed of my evil intent and became seals of birdhood.

Where before I couldn't walk for them I now got micro-glimpses of disappearing tail feathers. Where before they would stand stupidly and watch me with childlike wonder they now fled like butterflies before a hurricane at my merest presence.

I hunted for most of a week with a .36 caliber muzzleloader and touched not a feather. The closest shot I had was over 200 yards.

I watched in frustration as the spent ball skipped two or three times on the dusty ground before bouncing harmlessly past the marauding band of avian shock troops. No sir, no red hot turkey hunter, me!

I love the big, ugly brutes and admire their cunning and intelli-



Gunsmoke and Campfires

Steven R. LaMascus

gence. The turkey is truly a sporting game animal. They are not hunted like birds but like the big game they in fact are.

Their presence adds spice and maybe just a little excitement to the brush.

Most turkeys are shot with rifles in the fall season and often with shotguns during the spring.

The fall season corresponds with deer season and a great many turkeys fall prey to deer hunters. In the spring it is another matter entirely.

Spring turkey season is dedicated to the big scoundrels, not to be shared with any other game animal, and that is as it should be.

They are hunted by baiting, which I personally detest, and by calling, which I feel is the most sporting way to hunt them.

In the east spring turkey sea-

son has become a rite of passage equal to dove season and the first deer hunt of the season. It has grown over the last 20 years into a multimillion dollar industry with specialized guns and clothes and all the hoopla that goes with such notoriety.

Fifty years ago the wild turkey had all but disappeared from many of his historic haunts. He had been hunted almost to oblivion by farmers, homesteaders, poachers and legitimate sport hunters.

His resurgence and the popularity of the sport of hunting him is directly attributable to the Herculean efforts of the National Wild Turkey Federation in association with various state game departments.

He is now more plentiful in many places than he was before Columbus tripped over the New World.

He is a noble bird. When the country was young he was recommended as the national emblem and ran a good race against the bald eagle. He is wise, wily, and is truly a symbol of America.

So when you are hunting that old Tom with the foot-long beard this spring, please do so with the respect he deserves.

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The family of Beverly Jane Schafer would like to thank everyone who lifted us up in prayer and took special care of us during our time of sorrow. Thank you to our extended family and friends for all their kindness and thoughtfulness. We would also like to thank the Episcopal Church, Methodist Church and the BIRD staff and Jones Elementary teachers for their generosity, food, and comfort they provided so diligently this past week. We have such a special community of family here in Brackettville. Your outpouring of love and compassion will never be forgotten. We are all God's children and we are always in His care. By His love and grace our Lord has embraced our wife and mother and given her eternal life in his heavenly kingdom.

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Texas Expo youth poster, essay, poetry contest open

AUSTIN - Texas students have the chance to compete for one of 15 lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses as winners of the 1999 Texas Wildlife Expo youth poster, essay and poetry contest.

"Great Fun in the Outdoors" is the theme for this year's event.

Last year, more than 2,300 Texas youngsters submitted entries for the contest.

In addition to the lifetime hunting and fishing license, winners will receive the Texas Wildlife Viewing Guide and a one-year subscription to Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine. The total value of each prize is valued at more than \$1,000.

The poster contest is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Entries should be on



A Little on the Wildlife Side
Henry Lutz

standard-size poster cardboard, and may be in any medium.

Students in grades seven through 12 are eligible to enter the essay contest. Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words.

The poetry contest is open to students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Poems must be 50 to 500 words in length.

One winner will be selected from each grade level for the

poster and essay contests. Two poetry winners will be selected, one in the kindergarten through sixth grade and another from seventh through 12 graders.

One entry - either poster, essay or poetry - per individual may be submitted, and a complete entry form must accompany every entry.

All winning entries will be posted on the TPW website, and the winning posters will be exhibited at the 1999 Wildlife Expo.

This year's Expo is scheduled for Oct. 2-3 at TPW headquarters in Austin. The deadline for entering the contest is May 15. For information or entry forms, call 1-800-792-1112.

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When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 1999 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1st (and used it as their primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium, or mobile home. (Counties, cities, and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1998, you won't need to reapply for 1999 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 1999. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1998, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:
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1 Army aux.
5 The harlot of Jericho
10 Chocolate substitute
15 Farm measure
19 Therefore
20 Fragrant oleoresin
21 Capital of Guam
22 bear
23 Enough, to a poet
24 Edna Ferber novel
25 Filleted the fish
26 Sheltered inlet
27 In the (in disfavor)
29 "of Darkness"
31 They might be sour
33 French magazine
34 "Doonee"
35 Mexican laborer
36 Turkish inn
39 Undershoot
40 Large insect
44 British nobleman
45 Girl's name
46 Abode of the Plains

INDIANS
47 Bea's "Golden Girls" co-star
48 Bank acct.
49 Sounds like hoofbeats
50 Like many kitchen floors
51 Columnist Barrett
52 Swiss river
53 Badouins
54 Aegean island
55 Attica townships
56 Seashore feast
58 The sky's the limit
59 Most rational
60 Advice columnist of note
61 Renowned French square
63 Hotel offerings
66 Actress Blackman
67 Coarse, scolding woman
71 Sea eagles
72 Bridge expert
73 Uplight
74 Baer or Schmelling
75 Cincinnati team
76 Ancient Egyptians

77 Intoxicating
78 Moslem magistrate
79 Freshwater fish
80 Duke of Day
81 Classifies
82 Wise men
83 Battlefield shelters
85 Elevator cars
86 Dislike
87 Gambler's concern
88 Cool, dry and bracing
89 Lahr or Lytell
90 "— and Sam" (novel)
93 Georgia fruit
94 Beat soundly
98 Mimicked
99 Eastern Christian enclosure
101 One of the Muses
103 Sacred image
106 Brother of Moses
107 Linen fuzz
108 Large parrots
109 "To Autumn" poet
110 Education b/wgms
111 Dirk

2 River in Italy
41 "Ethan—" shaped figures
43 Baker's need
45 Like a pie crust
46 Easily frightened
49 Sour-tempered
50 Circus employee
51 Begin again
53 French clerics
54 Broadway's Neil
55 Noted medicine
57 Comrades
58 Bowling alleys
59 Impudent
61 Ord and Dix
62 Discoverers
63 Fine line of a letter
64 Skin disorder
65 Alphabetical list
66 Pueblo Indians
67 Remarkable deeds
68 Press agent's concern
69 Loses color
70 Have actual being
72 Skirt inserts

73 Old World sandpiper
76 Burgundy/ champagne drink
77 Large cask
78 Tall marsh plants
80 Extinct bird
81 Levantine ketch
82 One of a Slavic people
84 Large crowds of people
85 Packing cases
86 Evil spirits
88 "Beauty — and the..."
89 Conductor's wand
90 Recreation area
91 Fencing sword
92 Leningrad's river
93 — colada (drink)
94 Zhivago's love
95 Strip or peel off
96 Vocal quality
97 Grafted, in heraldry
100 Malden name
102 TV actress Charlotte

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Badminton **Diving** **Jai alai** **Squash**
Basketball **Fencing** **Judo** **Table tennis**
Billiards **Handball** **Karate** **Wrestling**
Boxing **Hockey** **Racquetball**

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Others help you out behind the scenes. If you look for affordable values, this is a good time to plan a trip.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You may be invited to an unusual party. Be willing to step out of your usual circle. A career opportunity comes through a friend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Luck comes to you through friends, so be sure to accept invitations. You may find a lost possession or something of real value.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) After some gadding about, you'll want to catch up with unfinished tasks. A philanthropic mood makes you want to help others.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A buoyant mood attracts opportunity. Some shop for clothes or other items. Marriage partners and close relatives require consideration.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Financial luck tempts you to overspend, especially in the pursuit of pleasure. Local visits lead to unexpected romantic encounters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You may have unexpected guests. Good news puts you in a happy frame of mind. Keep in touch with distant friends by phone or letter.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's a favorable time for entertaining at home, but don't ignore the feelings of a loved one. You'll find new hobbies stimulating.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) If you'll keep expenses down, you'll have a happy time in the company of friends and loved ones. Children bring you good news!

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Job opportunities arise



now, and romantic surprises are in store for you. Be tactful in dealing with an overly-sensitive co-worker.

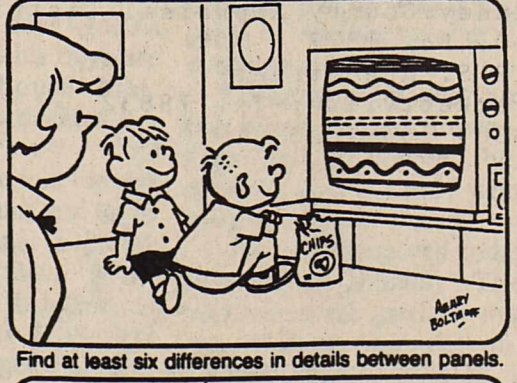
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 19) An impromptu business meeting has romantic overtones. Luck comes to you this week, as well as new friendships. Relationships grow stronger.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Romance comes unexpectedly. Distant financial affairs prosper, and you'll have some good news about money. Consult with advisers.

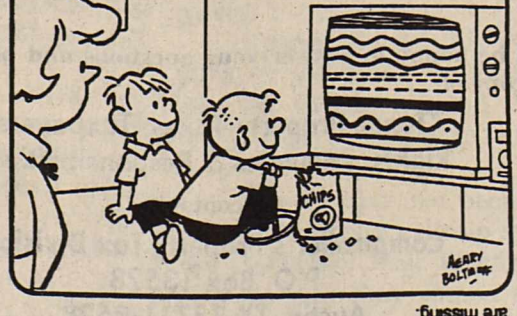
YOU BORN THIS WEEK have administrative and management abilities. You would make a good financial adviser, though your personal fortunes are liable to fluctuate. An executive by nature, you'd do well as head of your own business or in a government position. You'll achieve your greatest success when you become involved in the larger issues that affect mankind. With your sense of universal service, you can make a real contribution to the general welfare. Interested in mental pursuits, you can succeed as historian, writer, sociologist, teacher or actor.

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



1. Picture is missing. 2. Wave is added on floor. 3. House is different. 4. Chips on floor. 5. House is missing. 6. Buttons are missing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 8..... Dave Blair	April 11.....Granville Griffin
April 8..... Jose Cervantes	April 11..... Amber Haag
April 8..... Wayne Holloway	April 12..... Peter Pacheco
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April 8....Maria Elisa Ramos	April 12..... Marion Wills
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April 9..... Maria Pena	April 14.....Aurora Davalos
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April 10.....William J. Zwart	April 14.....Roland Rivas Jr.
	April 14.....Jesus Ureste

The Book of Revelation

To get the full impact of the book of Revelation we need truly to get the message near the close of the book, "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth." To get the full impact of this message is to stand at the empty tomb and know that "Christ Arose."

Conquering death means he guarantees freedom to all who follow him. It means freedom from petty worries. It means freedom from the fear of living. How fertile the fear of the future, weapons of mass destruction, war, or diseases.

This resurrection means transformation. See the lives of the apostles. Only one followed Him to the cross. But when he arose they were no longer vac-

illating, cowardly, self seeking, but went forth to so propound the message that all save one died a martyrs death.

This resurrection meant the doom of sin. As the book of Revelation encourages the church under the persecution of Rome by spelling out that God is Omnipotent and in the end would give victory to the church and destruction to the Roman Empire, the resurrection guarantees that through Christ there comes conquering of all sin.

The bleak pessimism that fosters the doom of the church and the "God is dead," foreboding is the message from Satan voicing his desire, nothing more.

The testimony of the vacant tomb is the testimony of a res-



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urrected life that proves "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth."

At Frontier Baptist Church Sunday calls for emphasis on the work of the Gideons. Frank Eckenroth will update on the accomplishments of this vital organization. Come and worship and be blessed by this additional inspiration.



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Rev. William Adams

Trust in the Lord

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase;

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Godly joy will always be accompanied by the willingness to believe

Joy is a fruit produced in the life of the believer due to the active presence of the Holy Ghost. Godly joy will always be accompanied by the willingness to allow the Holy Ghost to work in your life. (Gal. 5:22, Acts 13:52, Rom. 14:17, 15:13)

Joy is the opposite of sorrow. God wants each of us to be filled with joy, but joy blooms out of situations filled with manure. What is the manure you may ask? Manure is those things that attack your faith in Christ Jesus.

Peer pressure is an excellent source of manure. When those in this world don't want to have anything to do with you because you act as a Christian and accordingly, this is good manure.

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

When they call you names because of your belief in the word of God, this is good manure. When they say that you are evil because you act on the Word of God, this is also excellent manure. (James 1:2, 1 Peter 4:13)

The good seed you must plant to produce joy is the seed of right choices. Choosing to do what is right in the sight of God

will always produce joy, even if one must endure sorrow for a short time. (John 16:20-24)

Every time you fall into temptations it is a golden opportunity to plant the seed of right choices. Being tempted is not a sin, it is choosing to give in to it that causes it to become a sin.

Therefore, take every thought captive to the word of God and "leap for joy" as the power of the Holy Ghost keeps you from falling into sin. (Jude 1:24) Ask your Heavenly Father for wisdom in the name of Jesus, and He will show you His will in any given situation. (James 1:5) Reap a harvest of joy as you... Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

What comes around goes around

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to eke out a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish

Good News
St. Mary Magdalene Church

farmer replied, waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hotel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. "Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow to a man you can be proud of."

And that he did. In time,

Farmer Flemin's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School of Medicine in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill. Someone once said what goes around comes around.

Jesus said it another way: "Give and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken and running over, will be poured into your lap."

You are invited to worship with us at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.



Miss Debbie Packer has returned from a spring vacation in Munich, Germany and Paris, France. The 1981 Brackett graduate is pictured the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Debbie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Packer, now lives in Dallas and is employed by Southwest Airlines in the Pilot Training Center at Love Field.

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 (A las votantes registradas del Brackettville Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 01 1999, for voting in a City election, to Elect Two (2) Alderman.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 1 de Mayo de 1999 para votar en la Elección para Ciudad.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
 (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
 City Hall in Brackettville, Texas
 Edificio Municipal de la Ciudad de Brackettville, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
 (La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
City Hall/Edificio Municipal de la Ciudad (location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1999 (date)
 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 de Abril, 1999 (fecha))

and ending on April 27, 1999 (date)
 (y terminando el 27 de Abril, 1999 (fecha))

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
 (La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)
NA	NA
NA	NA
NA	NA

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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 (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE. The State of Texas, County of Kinney: By virtue of an order of sale dated April 1, 1999, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Kinney County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, and to me delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 1st day of April, 1999, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday of May, 1999, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Brackettville, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on said day proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in the following suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Kinney and State of Texas, to-wit: No. 3110, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Ernestine Delgado, et al; Lot 79, Fort Clark Springs Unit 15, Kinney County, Texas, subject to Protective Restrictions of record in Volume A-43, Page 615; and Protective Covenants of record in Volume A-53, Page 661, including any and all rights of the defendants in and to Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. Charter Membership Certificate No. L-0048, as described in that certain deed of record in Volume A-54, Page 607, all the foregoing volume and page references being to the Deed Records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3126, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Pedro Ortega, Sr., et al; Lot Nos. Eleven (11) and Eleven and one-half (11 1/2) Original Town of Brackett; or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorneys, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgements, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within the time and manner prescribed by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgements rendered in the above numbered and entitled suits, together with interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Dated at Brackettville, Texas, this 1st day of April, 1999. Leland K. Burgess, Sheriff, Kinney County, Texas.

REQUESTS FOR BIDS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: Sealed proposals addressed to the County Commissioners of Kinney County, Texas will be received at the Kinney County Court House until 10:00 a.m. on 20th day of April, 1999, for the construction of certain county road improvements, at which time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Principal work items include preparation of subgrade and furnishing and installing 3' new base material on numerous county roads. A total of 5765 tons shall be obtained by the Contractor free of charge from local pits and installed on certain roads north of Hwy. 90, plus a total of 28,476 tons to be purchased from Uvalde, Del Rio, or local pits and installed on roads south and north of Hwy. 90. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified cashiers check, or an approved bond in an amount of not less than 5% of the maximum total bid, payable to Kinney County without recourse, as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract with Kinney County, within ten (10) days after the award of the contract to him. The final notice of Award of Contract shall be given to the successful bidder by Kinney County within 30 days following the opening of bids and no bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the opening thereof. The successful Bidder must furnish a performance bond and payment bond on the forms provided, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, from a surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety. Attention is called to the requirement that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Proposal forms, plans and specifications may be obtained from Hunter Associates Texas, Ltd., 1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 410E, Austin, Texas 78723-1033, (512) 454-8716 upon payment of \$30.00. Payment is non-refundable. The right is reserved, as the interest of the County of Kinney may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in bids received. This project is being funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Project No. 718097 and FEMA. Honorable Herb Senne, County Judge, Kinney County.

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review
An informal visit is sometimes all you need to resolve a problem. Call Joyce Fuentes at 830-563-2323.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB meeting (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review

the evidence CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 412 S. Ann Street.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment
If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 412 S. Ann Street - 830-563-2323. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

Joyce S. Fuentes - Chief Appraiser, Kinney County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 1377, 412 S. Ann Street, Brackettville, Tx. 78832, (830) 563-2323.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on the evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

Answers to Super Crossword

INDOOR SPORTS

37 WAAC BIAHAB CAIROB ADPRE
ERIGO ELEMU AGANRA RIGOT
ENCW EOBIG BONEG GOFIE
46 DOGHOUSE HEARIT GRAPLES
ELLIE CORNA PRISON
51 LAMARET MPRITA HORSEBELLY
LORDS PIONA TEPESE RUE
TRAS CLUPIOS TILLES RONINA
AAR ARABS SIANOS OHESES
GLAMBAKE LIMIT SANEIST
68 ABBY FAMED FACE
SUTTES HONOR EITSHWIFE
ERNES GOREN TENSE MAX
REDS COPITS HEADY CADIT
TODR DORTS SORTS SAIGES
FOMHLES GAGES CETSIT
ODDS BRITS BEAT
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